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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HISTORICAL EXHIBITS FOCUS ON STUDENTS

CHARLESTON, IL--Senior scrapbooks dating back to 1904, copies of past student newspapers and yearbooks and zinc etchings of the campus are a sampling of exhibits that will be shown during Eastern Illinois University's Founder's Day on Saturday.

More than 20 panels tracing the history of the 1899 Normal School to today's university and focusing on student publications and student government will make up the historical exhibition, "Students Serving Students."

The exhibits will be open to the public at no charge from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m. in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

Student publications displays will include memorabilia relating to the beginnings of Eastern's newspaper in 1915; student annual in 1919; and student literary magazine in 1959.

Milestones in the history of the university, student publications and student government will be presented in a "time line."

Various types of equipment used to produce the student

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newspaper years ago and today will also be on display.

There will be a signature table where past student journalists and others may write notes sharing their memories of student publications. Individuals will also have the opportunity to use tape recorders to log their personal recollections.

Other exhibits will include photos and panels tracing the history of student government from its beginnings.

Homecoming programs from the early 1940s and on, the first senior scrapbook and posters of entertainment events sponsored by the University Board, Eastern's student-operated programming board, will be among the items on display.

There will also be a display table featuring memorabilia relating to the construction of the University Union in 1958. It will include blue prints, drapery samples, building layout and furniture specifications of the original building. The University Union has come to be known as the "center for student life" on campus.

Other activities on Saturday will include a luncheon featuring a talk by Jim Roberts of Fairbury, a former president of the National Newspaper Association and 1946 Eastern alumnus, and presentation of university service awards.

Reservations for the noon luncheon in the University Union Old Ballroom may be made by calling Jerrie Fisher at 581-3314.

There will also be special events planned for student government/activities groups and student publications.

Founder's Day '93 marks Eastern's 98th birthday and is part of the Centennial Celebration which will continue through the university's 100th birthday celebration in May 1995.